

# RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF SERGEANT CHRIS REDMAN

## HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2017*

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Sergeant Chris Redman, and to congratulate him for being inducted into the Honorary Rolls of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the "Blackhorse Regiment." I believe that our nation's men and women in uniform are America's greatest assets. They have made incredible sacrifices for our country and deserve our utmost support and respect for their service.

Sergeant Redman has dedicated his life to protecting all Americans through his service as a sergeant in the United States Army and as a police officer. He received numerous recognitions while in the Army and has continued to serve the Blackhorse Regiment since his retirement. In addition to his selfless service to our country, Sergeant Redman has also been a great leader and supporter of the Blackhorse Regiment in his community, coordinating reunions and raising money for scholarship funds.

Our nation owes no greater debt of gratitude than the one we owe our veterans. They and their families should be commended. On behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my best wishes and deepest gratitude to Sergeant Redman.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to recognize Sergeant Chris Redman for his commitment to family, community, and the United States of America.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JEFF FORTENBERRY

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2017*

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, July 27, 2017, I was unavoidably detained and thus missed roll call votes 430 through 435.

Had I been present, I would have voted NAY Roll Call No. 430, NAY Roll Call No. 431, NAY Roll Call No. 432, NAY Roll Call No. 433, NAY Roll Call No. 434, and YEA on Roll Call No. 435.

# HONORING THE SERVICE OF MARINE CORPORAL LUKE McDERMOTT

## HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2017*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the service and sacrifice of Marine Corporal Luke McDermott.

Corporal McDermott was serving his second deployment in Afghanistan when on June 9, 2010, an improvised explosive device detonated underneath his vehicle during a routine security patrol. The damage caused by this

explosion cost Corporal McDermott both of his legs, but it did not take away the fighting spirit which enabled him to persevere through the difficult recovery process.

It is a true testament to Corporal McDermott's character that these injuries have not prevented him from pursuing life to its fullest. In addition to actively training and traveling with the U.S. National Sled Hockey team, he has continued his service to the global community by participating in a volunteer trip to study social development in Morocco.

Through the generous work of Homes for our Troops, Corporal McDermott will soon become a resident of New York's 21st District, and we are proud to welcome him. Since 2004, the organization has built 236 adapted homes for veterans, and now Homes for our Troops is providing Corporal McDermott with an accessible residence in Clayton, New York. Here, he can live comfortably and pursue his dreams of working toward a law degree.

I would like to thank Corporal McDermott for his service to our country and for the sacrifices he has made for our way of life. He is a deserving recipient of the incredible opportunity that Homes for our Troops provides.

## RECOGNIZING HOWARD L. CHAMBERS

### HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2017*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Howard L. Chambers, City Manager for Lakewood, California in my Southern California district who is retiring after over 41 years of public service. Howard is concluding his career as the longest serving city manager with any single city in California, exemplifying his love and dedication towards the City of Lakewood and its people.

Howard was born and raised in Lakewood, having attended Lakewood schools and working at the local YMCA and the City of Lakewood's recreation program. As his life progressed Howard never strayed too far from his beloved city, attending college at nearby California State University, Long Beach where he received a Bachelor of Science degree. Howard became Lakewood's top executive in 1976, after receiving a Master of Arts degree in Planning and Administration from Pepperdine University and serving as Executive Assistant to the Lakewood City Manager.

During his tenure with the City of Lakewood, Howard always provided strong leadership and knowledgeable direction for major projects. While his accomplishments are far too numerous to name, I want to highlight the building of the Weingart Senior Center, The Centre at Sycamore Plaza, the S. Mark Taper Foundation Vista Lodge, the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail, and, most recently, the new Pumpkin Playground at San Martin Park. He also oversaw the renovation of the Veterans Memorial Plaza and Douglas jet plane at Del Valle Park.

Over the past decades, Howard has worked tirelessly to ensure Lakewood operates on firm financial footing and never outside its fiscal means. During the recent economic downturn, Lakewood was able to maintain funding for all

city services and avoid employee layoffs thanks to Howard's budgetary foresight.

Howard has also played an influential role amongst his peers in city management, through his leadership roles in League of California Cities, the California Contract Cities Association, the California Joint Powers Insurance Authority, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, and the International City/County Management Association. Howard was recently honored by the League of California Cities with the 2017 Wes McClure Award of Distinction for outstanding career service, leadership, ethics, expertise and innovation as a city manager.

I wish to commend Howard Chambers on his many years of outstanding public service and dedication to the City of Lakewood and its residents. I wish him the very best in retirement.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2017*

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, due to an unavoidable conflict, I missed the following votes on July 28. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 437, and YEA on Roll Call No. 438.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018

### HON. MAC THORNBERRY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, August 1, 2017*

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I ask that the following exchange of letters be included in the RECORD on H.R. 2810:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,  
*Washington, DC, June 29, 2017.*

Hon. WILLIAM M. "MAC" THORNBERRY,  
*Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. THORNBERRY: I am writing to you concerning the bill H.R. 2810, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016. There are certain provisions in the legislation which fall within the Rule X jurisdiction of the Committee on House Administration.

In the interest of permitting your committee to proceed expeditiously to floor consideration of this important bill, I am willing to waive this committee's right to sequential referral. I do so with the understanding that by waiving consideration of the bill the Committee on House Administration does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the subject matters contained in the bill which fall within its Rule X jurisdiction. I request that you urge the Speaker to name members of this committee to any conference committee which is named to consider such provisions.

Please place this letter into the committee report on H.R. 2810 and into the Congressional Record during consideration of the measure on the House floor. Thank you for the cooperative spirit in which you have